

2012 / 2013
FRANKS TRACT – FLOATING WATERFOWL HUNTING
BLIND PERMIT PROGRAM

REMINDERS

Mail two checks for **\$250.00** each: 1- check for the **permit fee** and 1- check for the **deposit**.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO : CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS

- Please read the updated sections that have been highlighted, underlined or in bold print.
- If you have a Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit # from last year, please use that number, otherwise you will be placed into the random drawing and contacted to choose your blind location from the available locations. **(See Rules and Regulations, Page 2; section 3C.)**
(There are no bumping rights).
- The Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit application must be filled out completely and signed.
- The Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit applications must be received or postmarked by **Tuesday, September 4, 2012 by 5pm** at the: Gold Fields District Office

Department of Parks & Recreation
Delta Sector- Attn: Kelly Claar
7806 Folsom-Auburn Rd.
Folsom, CA 95630-1796

- In the event more than 35 Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit applications are received, a random drawing will take place at the Gold Fields District Office on **Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 1pm.**
- For any questions or concerns contact me: kroach@parks.ca.gov (916)988-0205

Thank you,



Kelly R. Claar
California State Parks
Delta Sector Superintendent I
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road
Folsom, CA 95630-1797



California State Parks
Franks Tract State Recreation Area

2012/2013 Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit

Blind/Grid Permit ID # _____

_____ is recognized as the PERMITTEE and

is hereby authorized to place a Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind on Franks Tract during the 2012/2013 Waterfowl Hunting season.

The PERMITTEE agrees to comply with all the terms, conditions and procedures contained in the Floating Waterfowl Blind Permit Program Rules and Regulations. PERMITTEE acknowledges receipt of this permit effective with the issue date on the Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit.

The PERMITTEE agrees to complete responsibility for the Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind and its occupants while it is on Franks Tract SRA. (Additional approved hunters who'll be with the PERMITTEE or using their Floating Waterfowl Hunting blind, must sign up on page 2 of this permit)

The PERMITTEE agrees to waive all claims and recourse against the State including the right to contribution for loss or damage to persons or property arising from, growing out of, or in any way connected with or incident to this permit except claims arising from the concurrent or sole negligence of the State, its officers, agents, or employees. PERMITTEE shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the State, its officers, agents and employees against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, or liability costs arising out of the development, construction, operation or maintenance of the Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind except for liability arising out of the concurrent or sole negligence of the State, its officers, agents or employees.

This Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit expires 30 days after the last day of the 2012/2013 California waterfowl hunting season unless revoked. Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permits may be revoked for failure to comply with the rules, regulations, terms, conditions, or procedures listed in the Floating Waterfowl Blind Permit Program for Franks Tract SRA.

X _____
E-mail address/REQUIRED

X _____
Signature

X _____
Print Legal Name

X _____
Home Phone

X _____
Cell Phone

X _____
Driver's License #

X _____
Address City State Zip

X _____
Hunting License # Deposit check # X Permit Check # X

Permit Fee: **\$250**

Deposit for Blind Removal: **\$250**

Receipt # _____

Paid by Cash: _____ Date Deposit Returned: _____

Approved by: _____ Approval Date: _____

X _____
E-mail address/REQUIRED

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Signature

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Print Legal Name

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Home Phone

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Driver's License #

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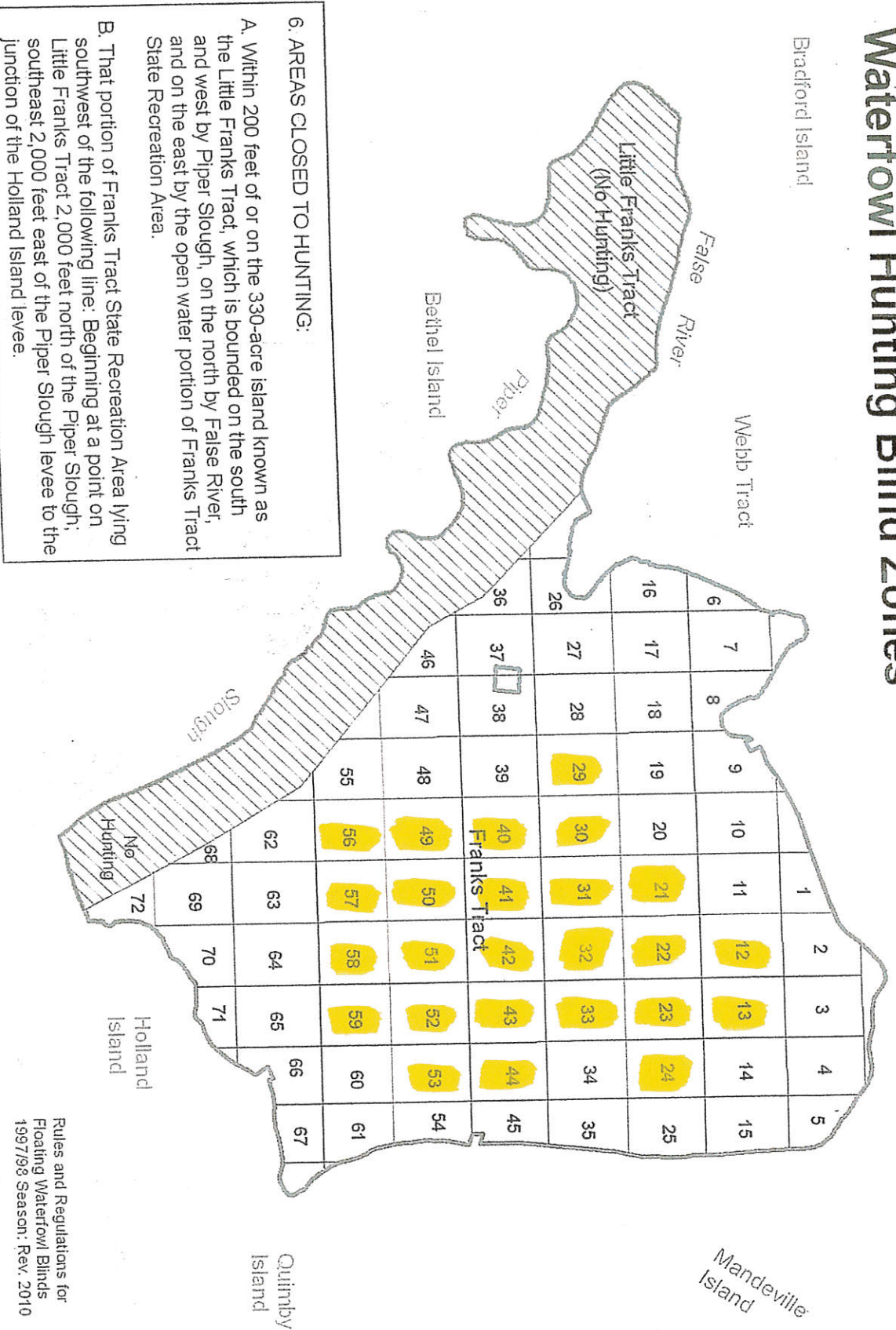
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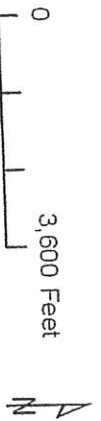
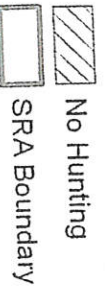
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Address City State Zip

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Hunting License #

Franks Tract State Recreation Area Waterfowl Hunting Blind Zones



Refer to list of GPS coordinates for locations of permitted hunting blinds



California State Parks
Boundary: July 2009
Base Image: USDA 2009
Map Compiled 2010.08.21 pv



**Franks Tract State Recreation Area
2012/2013**

Rules and Regulations for Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blinds

Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit Program

1. Blind Permits

- A. **A \$250.00 permit fee is required** for each Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit. The permit fee is non-refundable. Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit holders must be a minimum of 18 years of age. This fee allows for the installation and use of one (1) Waterfowl Hunting Blind for the 2012-2013 Waterfowl Hunting Season at Franks Tract State Recreation Area.
- B. **A \$250.00 deposit is required** for each Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit. This deposit will be refunded upon Permittee's removal of the blind from the waters of the Delta and/or stored legally.
- C. The Permittee and all hunters must possess a valid Waterfowl Hunting license with the appropriate waterfowl stamps. The stamps must be permanently affixed and initialed in accordance with state hunting laws.
- D. Each hunter shall possess or be with a person possessing a valid Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit. Hunters not with the permit holder must possess written consent to be in the Permittee's blind. This consent shall be signed by the Permittee and contain the names of the individuals permitted to use the blind and inclusive dates for which the permission is granted.
- E. The Permittee shall be responsible for the Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind and it's authorized occupants for the entire hunting season. The permit is not transferable.
- F. No Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind authorized by an active Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit shall be rented, leased, or sold during the period when located at Franks Tract. It is the intent of the State, in conjunction with County ordinances that permits are for private use only. Any commercial use will result in the permit's revocation and or other penalties allowed by existing law.
- G. The Franks Tract Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit will contain a "hold harmless" clause.
- H. The California Department of Parks & Recreation will not issue Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permits for eight consecutive days immediately after the opening day of waterfowl season. Applications for permits prior to this time must be submitted or postmarked by **Tuesday, September 4, 2012**. If the department receives more than 35 valid permit applications before this deadline, random drawing will be conducted.

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- I. In the event the department receives more than 35 valid permit applications, a random drawing will be held on **Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 1pm**. This will take place at:

Department of Parks & Recreation
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road, Folsom, CA 95630-1797

- J. Hunting is authorized only from anchored floating blinds properly permitted by the State. The state prohibits hunting from Franks Tract islands, the shoreline or boats not in a blind.

2. Construction Standards for Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blinds

- A. **A legible copy of these regulations shall be posted on the blind at all times while in Franks Tract.**
- B. Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blinds must be marked by lighting, steady burning or strobe type, visible from 360 degrees, during hours of darkness.
- C. Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind permit numbers (assigned upon issuance of the permit) must be prominently posted and **clearly visible** on the exterior of the blind **at all times**. The number must be placed on both sides of a board or other durable surface, which is at least 8 inches x 11 inches; the surface must be white with black numbers nearly filling the space. When not occupied for hunting, the number board must be attached to the light pole or other support, and be mounted so as to be visible above the highest part of blind.
- D. All Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blinds must be adequately brushed for concealment of hunters and equipment and be structurally safe. They must be constructed of imported materials. Collection or removal of vegetation within Franks Tract SRA is prohibited.

3. Placement of Blinds

- A. See the attached zone map for closed hunting areas at Franks Tract SRA, page 5. The Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind must be placed within authorized hunting areas.
- B. **A minimum distance of 400 yards between blinds must be maintained.** The Delta Sector Superintendent may only approve exceptions in writing.
- C. Permitted Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blinds may be located in Franks Tract SRA upon receipt of permit, **but no sooner than 8:00 A.M. 30 days prior to the opening of the 2012/2013 Waterfowl Hunting season**. Specific hunting locations are obtained by viewing the attached map and following the GPS coordinates for each zone. Previous Permittee's will be reassigned their previous year zone #, unless

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otherwise requested. **(If you relinquish your zone, you will then become a first time program participant.)** All first time participants will be able to choose from available zones through the random drawing on September 9, 2011. Blinds must be registered with a valid Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind permit before placement in Franks Tract. **The Delta Sector office at Gold Fields District issues all permits.**

- D. Waterfowl Hunting Blinds and decoys must be placed so as not to impede normal boat traffic through Franks Tract SRA. In addition, the decoy spread must allow boat access to the Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind. The State will not be responsible for damage caused by or to decoys or blinds.
- E. Any Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind that breaks loose from its moorings must be returned to its location and properly anchored before being used for hunting.

4. Use and Maintenance of Blinds

- A. Hunters will make every effort to retrieve wounded waterfowl but shall not shoot from moving boats.
- B. Hunters shall exercise caution and care in the discharge of weapons at all times and shall protect the safety and welfare of persons and property.
- C. Hunters shall not clean waterfowl within the boundaries of Franks Tract SRA.
- D. Dogs must be on a leash when not assisting an actual hunting activity. Dogs shall not be permitted to pursue or take any wildlife other than waterfowl being hunted.
- E. Possession and or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited on state recreation area property while participating in hunting activities.
- F. Brush cutting or removal of vegetation is prohibited within park boundaries.
- G. **For information on hunting rules, regulations, and dates go to the Department of Fish and Game website at www.dfg.ca.gov**

5. Removal of Blinds and Decoys -- Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blinds (FWHB)

- A. Permit holders must remove their Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blinds and decoys no later than 30 days after the close of waterfowl hunting season.
- B. Any law enforcement official, authorized by the Department of Parks and Recreation, Brannan Island State Recreation Area, Delta Sector Superintendent, may remove blinds or decoys immediately for the following reasons:
 - a) Those **FWHB** that break loose from moorings and pose a threat.
 - b) Any **FWHB** that poses a threat to persons, structures, property, or boat traffic
 - c) **FWHB** placed in Franks Tract outside of the time limits.

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- d) **FWHB** not registered as stated above.
 - e) **FWHB** whose permits have been revoked.
- C. The blind owner will be responsible for the cost of removal and storage. The State will not be responsible for damage done to the Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind during removal or storage.
- D. Any violation of rules and regulations of Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit conditions may result in forfeiture of hunting privileges, and revocation of the (FWHB) permit. Permittee shall be responsible to inform persons hunting from his/her Waterfowl Hunting Blind of such regulations.
- E. For violations other than 5B, above, the Permittee shall have 48 hours after notification to correct any deficiencies or contest the permit revocation. If not corrected or contested within this time, the Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blind Permit may be revoked.

Hunters must comply with existing boating laws at all times. Failure to comply with safety or registration requirements will result in termination of hunting privileges and or citation.

Contact park staff or call the park office at (916) 988-0205 if you have any questions or need further information.

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Gold Fields District
Attn: Delta Sector superintendent 1 Kelly Claar
7806 Folsom-Auburn Road
Folsom, CA 95630-1797
Attention: Franks Tract Floating Waterfowl Hunting Blinds

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